(b) The details of these 2 works are as under:

(i) Booking office & improvements to circulating area—the work was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 14.13 lakh and 98% of the work is complete. The target date of completion for the work is December, 2002.

(ii) 2nd foot over bridge—This work has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 17.00 lakh with an outlay of Rs. 7.00 lakh for the current year. The target date of completion is July, 2003.

Dangerous Rail Bridges in Bihar

†1166. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail bridges in Bihar which have been declared dangerous;

(b) the amount spent by Government for their repair and maintenance during the last three years;

(c) the details of the new bridges for which proposals are being considered; and

(d) by when construction work for the new bridges is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Works for rehabilitation/rebuilding of existing bridges is an ongoing exercise. As a result of detailed inspections, rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges is carried out on a programmed basis. Further, besides new bridges under construction at Patna and Monghyr over river Ganga, one bridge is under consideration for construction over river Kosi in connection with restoration of Nirmali—Saraigarh line. Its construction, however, shall depend on availability of various sanctions & clearances.

Rail lines in backward Regions

1167. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.